Deited States Bankruptcy Court <u>SOUTHERN DISTR</u> 61288, Houston TX 77208 (Houston Div	vision)	PROOF OF CLAIM			
Name of Debtors	Case Number				
Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation	00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	Creditor ID#;			
*place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against					
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): Hockley County Tax Office	Check box if you are aware that anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.	united States District Count Southern District of Texas Fit = Count Sever SEP 2 7 2000			
Name and address where notices should be sent: Hockley County Tax Office	Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case				
802 Houston, Suite 106 Levelland, Texas 79336 	Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	Michael N. Milby, Clerk			
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: $00919{-}00825{-}0000{-}00000$	Check here replaces if this claim amends a prev	previously filed claim, dated:			
1. Basis for Claim Goods sold Services performed Money loaned Bersonal injury/wrongful death Taxes Other	Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#; Unpaid compensation for services performed fromto(date)				
2. Date debt was incurred: $01/01/2000$ 4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ $10,471.99$ If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete the charges in additional charges.	lote Item 5 or 6 below.				
 5. Secured Claim. Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff). Brief Description of Collateral: Real Estate Motor Vehicle Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate Value of Collateral: \$ 368,210.00 	6. Unsecured Priority Claim. Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ Specify the priority of the claim: Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C.				
Amount of arrearage and other charges <u>at time case filed</u> included in secured claim, if any \$	507(a)(7). Taxes or penalties owed to government Other – Specify applicable paragraph	ntal units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a). 1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to			
 Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and the purpose of making this proof of claim. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, an notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, or court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim. 	uch as promissory ontracts, o of lien. le,	This Spece is for Court Use Only			
Date Sign and prior the name and title, if any of the creditor or (attach dooy 2 to 20 platformey, if any); (attach dooy 2 to 20 platformey) The creditor or					
Fensity for prosonting fraudulant claim: Fine of up to \$500		h. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.			

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE

IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE

SPECIALTY RETAILERS, INC.

BANKRUPTCY ACT

DEBTOR

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NO. 00-35079-H2

SECURED CLAIM FOR TAXES OF THE HOCKLEY COUNTY TAX OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

PARAGRAPH I.

The undersigned, who resides at P.O. BOX 817 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79408 is the attorney for HOCKLEY COUNTY TAX OFFICE and is authorized by contract with the claimant to make this proof of claim on behalf of the claimant for the collection of the outstanding taxes claimed.

PARAGRAPH II.

The debtor was, and at the time of the filing of the petition initiating this proceeding, and is still indebted to this claimant in the amount of \$10,471.99.

The consideration for this debt is as follows: Ad valorem taxes on personal property situated within the boundaries of said claimant.

The writing (tax statements) on which this claim is founded or a duplicate thereof is attached hereto.

This claim is not founded on an open account.

No judgment has been rendered on this claim

The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.

This claim is not subject to any setoff or counterclaim.

No security interest is held for this claim except as provided by Section 32.01 and Section 32.05, Texas Property Tax Code and Art 8, Section 15, Texas Constitution.

This claim is filed as a secured claim for the total claim amount of \$10,471.99.

Claimant being a duly authorized governmental taxing authority is entitled to:

treatment under Section 506 as a secured creditor because the taxes claimed are assessed against real property interests of the debtor and are secured by that real property interest.

Name of Creditor HOCKLEY COUNTY TAX OFFICE

PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P.

By:

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ACCOUNT NO 1677

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BEALL'S #650 10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON

TX 77025-5229

LEGAL DESCRI	PTION YEAR	TUUOMA	PEN &	INT	TOTAL
FURNITURE/FIXTURES EQUIPMENT/INVENTORY LEVELLAND-BEALLS#650 00919-00825-00000-000	00				
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR S	2000 OUTH PLAINS COL	1,281.74 LEGE		.00	1,281.74 1,281.74
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